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## Walla Walla Airport to receive another \$1 million for improvements, Nethercutt says

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt (R-Wash.) announced today that Walla Regional Airport will receive an additional \$1 million for security enhancements.

"This is great news for the Walla Walla Regional Airport. These improvements will greatly improve the safety and quality of aviation service for passengers in our region," Nethercutt said. "Improved transportation infrastructure is critical to economic development in this region, and this funding is another step toward bringing more business to the Walla Walla region."

The total amount awarded to date by the federal government for enhancing the airport is \$4.34 million. The funding will go toward improving runway safety, grooving the runway, rehabilitating runway lighting, constructing a service road, and other security enhancements.

The runway projects will improve the safety area and rehabilitate the friction course and lighting, extending the useful service life of the pavement and lighting. The new service road will improve safety by keeping vehicles off the taxiways. Some of these security enhancements are needed to comply with Transportation Security Administration requirements.

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